

[8th February 1924]

*The Harris High School.*

360 Q.—Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether a representation was received from the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India, Madras, praying for the continuance of the Harris High School, Madras, under the management of the Government for a further term of one year;

(b) whether the Government propose to give effect to the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee regarding the abolition of the Government Muhammadan College, Madras; and

(c) if so, whether they propose to consult the leaders of the Mussalman community before effecting the abolition?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) Yes.

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB:—“Will the Government be pleased to answer my question contained in clause (a) of Question No. 360?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I said that the matter is under consideration.”

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB:—“With regard to clause (a)?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Yes.”

*Additional Secretary to the Government.*

361 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether Mr. T. E. Moir has been appointed as Additional Secretary to the Government, and if so, the duties he is discharging and the reasons for the said appointment?

A.—Mr. T. E. Moir was appointed temporary Joint Secretary to Government to prepare—

(1) a scheme for financing an expansion of elementary education; and

(2) a draft Bill to amend the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920.

This work could not be attended to by the existing establishment.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask the hon. the Finance Member to say whether the special duties on which Mr. Moir was engaged have been finished by him?”

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER:—“Mr. Moir has been working under the orders of the hon. the Minister for Education. I think he can answer that question better than I can do.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I put the question to the hon. the Finance Member because the question stands in his name and he has answered it. May I now ask the hon. the Minister for Education to say whether the special duties on which Mr. Moir was engaged have been finished by him?”